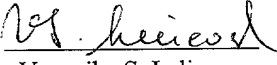


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Dear Sir:

Consideration of the following remarks and entry of the following amendments in the above identified application is respectfully requested.

**A M E N D M E N T**

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please **AMEND** the specification as follows:

At page 1, after the Title, please insert the following paragraph:

This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/106,888, filed June 29, 1998 for METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROCESSING CHECKS TO RESERVE FUNDS.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please **CANCEL** Claims 2-27, 29-32, and 34-69 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited herein.

**R E M A R K S**

Applicants presently intend to file an additional paper in this application. Accordingly, if the application is taken up for action prior to receipt of such paper, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed above or by electronic mail at [Alderucci@walkerdigital.com](mailto:Alderucci@walkerdigital.com).

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Respectfully submitted,



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